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Hon. Gerald R. Jorgensen, Jr. Judge of the County Court P.O. Box 520 Kearney, NE 68848

Gerald Jorgensen to Serve as County Court Presiding Judge for the $9^{\rm th}$ Judicial District in 2010

Judge Gerald R. Jorgensen, Jr., has been named County Court Presiding Judge of the 9th Judicial District (Buffalo and Hall Counties) for 2010. The Nebraska Supreme Court approved the nomination of Judge Jorgensen, whose name was submitted by his fellow county court judges for the leadership position.

Judge Jorgensen has served on the county court bench in the 9th Judicial District since taking the bench in 1990. He currently serves as Lead Judge for the Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, District 9, Nebraska Supreme Court and hosted Kearney's first National Adoption Day celebration this past November. He is a 20-year member of the Nebraska County Judges Association and serves on their Nominating Committee.

As presiding judge, Jorgensen has primary responsibility for overseeing the delivery of county court services within the 9th Judicial District. Judge Jorgensen will serve as the liaison to other agencies of local and state government for the courts of the district and to the Nebraska State Bar Association and the media.

Presiding judges also bear the responsibility for the hiring, evaluation, and discipline of county court staff and provide county courts in the area with direction in matters of local district policy.